

DELAWARE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

The Townsend Building
401 Federal Street, Suite 2
Dover, Delaware 19901

Meeting Minutes

The Department of Education
The Cabinet Room

December 4, 2014
2:00 P.M.

Members Present: Diane Albanese, Linda Brown, Jennifer Burton, Stephanie DeWitt, Nelia Dolan, Cristy Greaves, David Kohan, Rosaria Macera, Byron Murphy, Wendy Murray, Darlene O'Neill, Mary Pinkston and Stephanie Smith

Members Absent: Michael Casson, Darren Guido

Others Present: Chris Kenton; PSB Executive Director, Paula Fontello; Deputy Attorney General, Kimberly Rodriguez; Secretary to PSB, Scott Cole; DSEA, Laura Glass; University of DE; Liz Hoyt; Rodel, Lisa Hedrick; ETS, Donna Mitchell; Wilmington University, Wendy Modzelewski; DOE, Angeline Rivello; DOE

I. Opening

Call to Order: Mr. Murphy, Professional Standards Board Chair, called the meeting to Order at 2:07 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

A Motion was made Mr. Kohan and Seconded by Ms. Macera to approve the December 4, 2014 Agenda. **The motion carried unanimously** (Albanese, Brown, Burton, DeWitt, Dolan, Greaves, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, Murray, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith).

Approval of Minutes for October 2, 2014

A Motion was made by Ms. Brown and Seconded by Ms. Burton to approve the November 5, 2014 Minutes. **The motion carried unanimously** (Albanese, Brown, Burton, DeWitt, Dolan, Greaves, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, Murray, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith).

II. Executive Director's Report

- Met with Secretary Murphy for the first quarterly meeting
- Met with Christopher Ruskowski from the Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Unit at DOE regarding 1556 School To Work Transition Teacher. The Board will be revisiting this regulation in the next few months
- Met with the PSB Chair, Mr. Murphy regarding the agenda and goals for the board
- Attended a training for the Institutes of Higher Ed on the PPAT offered by ETS at Wilmington University

- Met with Donna Johnson from the State Board of Education for the monthly meeting and an additional meeting regarding 1571 Special Education
- Presented Regulation 1507 Alternate Routes for Publication to the State Board of Education as well as discussion on the pending regulation amendments or reauthorizations of 1512, 1513, 1514 and 1572
- Met with David Blowman, Deputy Secretary of Education to discuss PSB needs
- Met with Luke Rhine, DOE's Director for Career & Technical Education STEM Initiatives regarding 1559
- Met with Angeline Willen Rivello, DOE's Director of Teacher & Administrator Quality Development and Jonathan Neubauer, DOE's Education Associate for the Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Unit regarding several regulations

III. Discussion Items

A. 1507 – Alternative Routes to Teacher Licensure and Certification Program

- The Executive Director reported that State Board of Education approved the PSB proposed reauthorization of 1507 for publication. A copy was sent to the Register of Regulations for publication in the January 1st issue for public comment. A task force report is due to the General Assembly in late January 2015 and the sections regarding TFA are set to sunset in April 2015. It may be necessary to revisit the regulation at that time.

B. 1559 – Skilled and Technical Science Teacher

- The Executive Director advised regulation 1559 is up for review in the five year cycle and needs to be moved forward. This will be brought to the Board in January to move for publication.
- Luke Rhine from Career and Technical Workgroup commented that they are aggressively pursuing a rebranding of what Career and Technical Education is in the State of Delaware. The Department is aggressively pushing CTE to expand into 21st Century careers and create opportunities for all students to pursue career and college readiness as part of their instructional program. It will impact Regulation 1559 by expanding the definition of CTE to include programs beyond the traditional tracks to include things such as computer science for engineering by a medical scientist. The proposed changes are primarily surface level and not intended to alter the credits.

C. 1561 Bilingual Teacher and 1562 English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Teacher

- Discussion was held on the need for clarification of this regulation as a category or content certification. It was clarified that there are a few regulations that have been viewed as both a category and a content area certification and in the past this regulation has been viewed as both.
- The Executive Director commented that he will meet with Terry Richards regarding ESOL to discuss category certification vs content certification and will bring proposed changes as soon as possible.
- A district contacted the Executive Director regarding issues with hiring new immersion program teachers. The Board will be reviewing these issues.

D. 1571 Special Education Teacher of Students with Disabilities

- Discussion was held regarding the continued review of this regulation and the past draft changes. Discussions were held regarding providing further clarifications around category certifications.
- The Executive Director and the Chair for the PSB had several meetings with the Department of Education and State Board of Education Executive Director about reviewing information on the 398 educators who hold this single certification. Requests for assistance with the information have been sent out to the personnel in the Department of Education working with DEEDS.

E. 1580 School Library Media Specialist

- The Executive Director updated the Board on information gathered on Regulation 1580. The Executive Director is bringing the regulation to the Licensure and Certification Criteria Committee for discussion and to give their recommendations to the Board.

F. 1590 Delaware Administrator Standards

- The Executive Director advised that it is anticipated that the Licensure and Certification Criteria Committee will be looking at several regulations over the next few months that may impact 1590.
- The PSB will be reviewing 1595 Certification Program for Leaders in Education soon.
- It is also anticipated that the University of Delaware may be submitting an application for a new program.
- The Department of Education and the Secretary of Education has requested that the Board consider revisions to the approval process in 1595.
- Changes in regulation 1595 could impact 1590, 1591, 1592, 1593 and 1594.

IV. Presentation

- None

V. Action Items

A. 1512 – Issuance and Renewal of Advanced License (Final Order)

- 1512 was approved by the PSB as well as the State Board of Education with proposed amendments for publication and was published in the Register of Regulations for the month of November. No public comment was received.
- Amendments to the regulation included language to address clarification about the term of the license.

A motion was made to move regulation 1512 forward for approval as final with one spelling correction by Ms. Dewitt and seconded by Dr. Greaves. **The motion carried (12 Yes Albanese, Brown, Burton, DeWitt, Dolan, Greaves, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith and Zero (0) No).**

B. 1513 – Denial of Licenses (Final Order)

- 1513 was approved by the Professional Standards Board and the State Board of Education with proposed amendments for publication. The regulation was

published in the November Register of Regulations. No public comments were received. The proposed amendments included only minor edits for clarification. A motion was made to move 1513 to final order by Dr. Greaves and seconded by Ms. Brown. **The motion carried (12 Yes – (Albanese, Brown, Burton, DeWitt, Dolan, Greaves, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, O’Neill, Pinkston, and Smith) Zero (0) No).**

C. 1514 – Revocation, Limitation, or Suspension of Licenses (Final Order)

- 1514 was approved by the Professional Standards Board and State Board of Education for reauthorization for publication and was published in the Register of Regulations in the month of November. There was no public comment received.
A motion to move regulation 1514 forward for approval as final by Ms. Brown and seconded by Mr. Kohan. **The motion carried (12 Yes - Albanese, Brown, Burton, DeWitt, Dolan, Greaves, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, O’Neill, Pinkston, and Smith) Zero (0) No).**

D. 1572 – Teacher of Students Who Are Gifted or Talented (Final Order)

- 1572 was approved by the Professional Standards Board as well as the State Board of Education with proposed amendments for publication. It was published in the Register of Regulations for the month of November. Written Public Comments were received from the Governor’s Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) and the State of Delaware’s State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD). The GACEC and SCPD raised similar concerns suggesting discretionary edits for clarification.
 1. The Board considered the public comment and made non-substantive changes for clarification and to make the regulation easier to read.
- It was clarified that the name of the regulation was changed to Gifted or Talented to match the language in Delaware Code.
- Senate Bill 51 required that teachers must hold a standard certificate in a subject or content area
- Wilmington University addressed the course count to the Board
- Worked in cooperation with the Department of Education on the revisions to the regulation
- The Department of Education and the State Board of Education are pleased with the changes that were made
- Certification is required in programs that are identified as Gifted or Talented through assessments and other criteria set forth by local school districts or other programs specifically identified by the Department of Education as programs for students who are gifted or talented
- A non-regulatory note was added to address the Department of Education’s concerns to alert anyone reading the regulation that they may need to look elsewhere to determine if an examination of content knowledge is required.
- Ms. Fontello reviewed the Non-Regulatory Note and clarified that Regulation 1505 Standard Certificate is incorporated by reference into almost all of the Standard Certificates and contains the specific language mandating passage of an examination of content knowledge examination such as Praxis II when applicable

and available. Ms. Fontello also reviewed the language in the Delaware Code mandating passage of an examination of content knowledge for certification.

- The proposal pending before the Board is to move forward with the proposed regulation with the amendments requiring completion of the courses as listed and also require passage of the examination of content knowledge.
- The proposed Non-Regulatory Note is to read: *Passage of an examination of content knowledge may also be required to obtain this certification. Pursuant to 14 Del. C. § 1220 and 14 DE Admin. Code 1505, an examination of content knowledge is required when applicable and available. An examination of content knowledge is applicable and available when approved by the Professional Standards Board with the concurrence of the State Board of Education. See the Department of Education's website for additional information.*

A motion was made by Dr. Greaves to approve the Non-Regulatory Note and seconded by Ms. Albanese. **The motion carried (12 Yes - Albanese, Brown, Burton, DeWitt, Dolan, Greaves, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith) Zero (0) No).**

- The 13th Board member entered the room.

A motion was made by Dr. Smith to move Regulation 1572 forward for approval with the proposed changes discussed from the public comment and the addition of the Non-Regulatory Note as Final and seconded by Dr. Greaves.

A Roll Call Vote was taken: The motion carried (12 Yes - Albanese, Brown, Burton, DeWitt, Dolan, Greaves, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, Murray, O'Neill, and Smith) Zero No and 1 Abstain (Pinkston).

E. Content Readiness Exam, 5358 Gifted Education with a cut score of 157 Effective date January 11, 2015.

- The Board reviewed the examination of content knowledge offered by ETS. Delaware sent Dr. Amanda Gaglione from Milford School District to be a representative at the multi-state standard setting study. The group made a recommendation for a cut score of 157.

A motion was made to adopt as the required Examination of Content Knowledge – for regulation 1572 *Teacher of Students Who Are Gifted or Talented* Exam 5358, Gifted Education with a cut score of 157 with an effective date of January 11, 2015 by Dr. Greaves and seconded by Ms. Burton. **The motion carried (13 Yes – (Albanese, Brown, Burton, DeWitt, Dolan, Greaves, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, Murray, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith) Zero (0) No).**

VI. PSB Standing Committees

A. Licensure and Certification Criteria and Professional Development and Associated Compensation

- The Executive Director advised that the Licensure and Certification Criteria Committee will be meeting in December and January.
- The LCCC agenda will include discussion of edTPA vs PPAT for consideration as the performance assessment mandated by SB51 by July 2015.
- The LCCC will also consider potential amendments to Regulation 1580 in order to make some recommendations to the Professional Standards Board

VII. Other

There are issues with the April 1, 2015 meeting location. The meeting location may need to change due to room availability.

VIII. Public Comment

None

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Pinkston and was seconded by Ms. Dolan to adjourn the meeting. **The motion carried (13 Yes (Albanese, Brown, Burton, DeWitt, Dolan, Greaves, Kohan, Macera, Murphy, Murray, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Smith) Zero (0) No. The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.**